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## Week in Review

### Consult Poll Shows Most Support the Clean Power Plan

Two new Morning Consult polls show that voters, Republican voters included, are generally support the Clean Power Plan, though the rule had drawn fire from GOP legislators and state governors. Even states that have already complied with the rule, or gone beyond what the rule calls for, are launching legal assaults.

### EPA's Big Mistake

The Environmental Protection Agency faced criticism and questioning after contract workers for the agency accidentally spilled toxic chemicals into the Animas River last week while inspecting a defunct mine in Colorado. EPA halted all field investigations of abandoned mines like the one that led to the spill. There are around 500 thousand abandoned mines around the country, and EPA has not said how many mine investigations it is currently conducting.

### TransCanada may be taking matters into its own hands

It's been a long engagement between TransCanada, the company hoping to build Keystone XL, and the U.S. government. According to a source involved with the project, the company decided this week that it's been too long. According to the source, the Canadian company is anticipating a "no" decision from the State Department.

But even if the White House does hand down a "no," TransCanada has options. The company can reapply for a permit, as it did after its initial rejection three years ago. Or, since the Keystone XL deal falls under NAFTA, TransCanada could invoke the agreement's Chapter 11 provision, claiming losses due to unfair treatment by the U.S. government.

## What's Ahead

Recess continues. Two solar companies release their earnings reports, the Heritage

Foundation hosts a discussion about drilling in the Arctic and more. See the calendar below for details.

## Mark Your Calendars (All Eastern Times)

### Monday

No events today.

### Tuesday

Heritage Foundation discussion: Examining Arctic Opportunities and Capabilities: Does the U.S. Have the Infrastructure, Ships and Equipment Required?, @1:30pm

Earnings report for Canadian Solar Inc.

### Wednesday

Solar Energy Industries Association webinar: Solar & The Clean Power Plan: What You Should Know To Drive Your Business, @1pm

Environmental and Energy Study Institute webinar: On-Bill Financing: An Energy Efficiency Solution for Member-Owned Utilities in the Midwest, @2pm

Earnings report for Solar Power Inc.

### Thursday

No events today.

### Friday

No events today.

## Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

- 1) Mapping how the United States generates its electricity  
from the Washington Post by John Muyskens, Dan Keating and Samuel Granados
- 2) Where the Presidential Candidates Fall on Climate Change  
from InsideClimate News by Katherine Bagley
- 3) If global warming really did pause, the planet just pressed 'play' again  
from the Washington Post by Chris Mooney

- 4) EPA on the Defensive Over Big Spill of Mining Waste  
from National Journal by Jason Plautz and Ben Geman
- 5) Crude Oil Joins Beer and Whisky in Alberta's 30-Loonie Club  
from Bloomberg by Dan Murtaugh and Rebecca Penty
- 6) States Already On Track to Meet Carbon Reduction Goals  
from Morning Consult by Reid Wilson
- 7) Keystone pipeline rejection could come this month  
from Washington Examiner by John Siciliano
- 8) Poll: Most Americans Support Clean Power Plan  
from Morning Consult by Colleen Leahy
- 9) Mideast hackers target U.S. gas pumps  
from Washington Examiner by John Siciliano
- 10) West Coast wind patterns lead to below-normal wind generation capacity factors  
from the Energy Information Administration

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